

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

All the devices connected to a network are detected and profiles comprising information relating to categories of the detected devices are extracted. Integrated profile comprising information obtained by integrating the profiles of the devices is created. A table containing priority rankings for the use of the devices is created. A user interface enabling necessary categories to be selected from the categories which comprise the integrated profile is created, the execution conditions required by the user are input via this user interface and a device to be used is selected out of all the devices based on the selected categories and the table containing the priority rankings.